GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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LOC AS INTERNATIONAL BORDER
BRAHMANAND MANDAL

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have proposed to Pakistan to accept the Line of Control as the international border; and

(b) if so, the Pakistan`s reaction thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH)

(a) No, Sir. Government`s principled and consistent position is well known. The entire State of Jammu and Kashmir is an integral part of the Indian Union. A part of the territory of the State is under the forcible and illegal occupation of Pakistan. India is committed under the Simla agreement and the Lahore Declaration, to resolve all issues with Pakistan peacefully through direct bilateral discussions.

(b) Does not arise.